

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5-9 stand in the present application, claims 1-4 having been canceled.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5-9 and in order to expeditiously place this case in condition for allowance

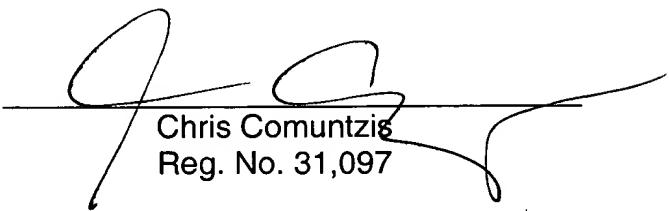
Applicant has canceled rejected claims 1-3 and non-elected claim 4 from this case.

Accordingly, all of claims 5-9 which were deemed to be allowed in the Office Action are now in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 5-9, now standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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